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NETWORK COMBINER FUNCTION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application and consider the following remarks.

IN THE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please delete the second paragraph, beginning on line 5, page 5 and replace with:

A' ~~A~~A video content protection application that uses Km, Kx, An and Mi is described in
copending U.S. Patent Applications, serial numbers, 09/385,590 and 09/385,592, filed
contemporaneously, entitled "Digital Video Content Transmission Ciphering And Decipher
Method And Apparatus" and "Digital Video Content Transmission Ciphering And Deciphering
Method And Apparatus" having common assignee and inventorship with the present
application. A

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SIR: Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for the above application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

XX No additional fee is required.

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_____ Applicant(s) hereby Petition(s) for an Extension of Time of ____ () month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

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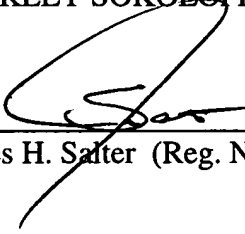
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X Any extension or petition fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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